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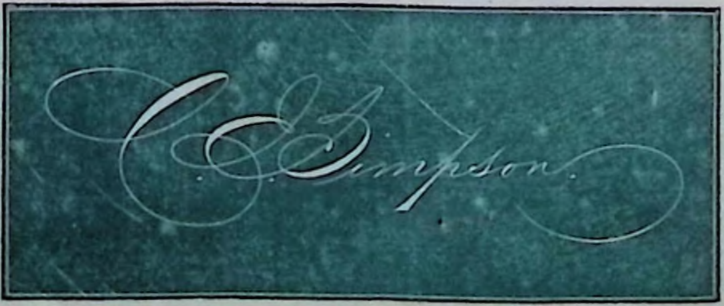

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THORNTON ACADEMY.

Our Reporter Interviews One of the Trustees.

THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND TRUSTEES.

It was with lagging footsteps that our reporters, about to "beard the lion in his den" in their first interview, ascended the stairs leading to the handsome double office of Messrs. Fairfield and Emery, two of the Academy trustees. Upon entering the office the first thing to be noticed is, near the door, a nicely framed drawing, in india ink, representing one of the designs sent in by H. G. Wadlin of Boston.

After having explained the nature and object of our visit, we commenced to make life a burden for the genial trustee in a manner somewhat as follows:

"Mr. Emery, can you tell us when work will be commenced on the Academy building?"

"Yes, as soon as possible next spring."

"We understand from the contract that the building has to be finished by next July."

"No, it will probably not be fully finished by that time but will be ready to commence school in next fall."

"Is that picture on the wall the accepted design?"

"No, we have accepted no plans as yet."

"How many have you received?"

"Three. the one from Wadlin and one from Wentworth. both of Boston. and one from Fassett and Thompson of Portland."

"With what will the building be built, brick?"

"Yes, brick and stone."

"Could you tell us, or don't you want to, about what will be the cost of the building?"

"No, I could not tell you that."

Not being able to think of any more questions we were obliged to leave the much suffering gentleman in peace, and proceeded down the stairs feeling somewhat better than when we came up.

Upon calling again a day or two afterwards we were kindly shown the three plans. Although differing considerably in detail the main features in each were alike. Each had a commodious school room, five or more recitation rooms, chemical labratory and lecture room, music room, gymnasium, boys' and girls' cloak and wash rooms and many other conveniences. In one of the plans especial attention was given to lighting and ventilation, as well as special and separate apartments for principal and assistants.

Below, thinking that it might be of general interest, we have given a copy of the agreement made between the city of Saco aed the Trustees of the Thornton Academy.

Memorandum of agreement made between City of Saco. York County, Maine. and the Trustees of Thornton Academy. a corporation established by a charter of said State, this 27th day of July. A. D. 1887.

The said trustees agree to erect during the coming year, on their lot on Main street. Saco, school buildings ample and suitable; organize and maintain said school in said buildings. at least thirty-five weeks a year, of a grade as high, at least, as the present high school, Saco. The course of study in which school shall include the ordinary English and classical academic studies, including book-keeping, penmanship, commercial arithmetic, and such other branches of a commercial course as the Trustees and Supervisor of Schools may virtually agree upon: admit to its privileges in the above named studies for the term of twenty-five years from the opening of said school. all scholars who may be entitled to the benefit of the public schools in Saco. who shall correctly answer 65

per cent. of the questions in an examination in reading, writing, spelling, English grammar, arithmetic, geography, political and physical, U. S. history, and physiology. Said examination to be made by the Trustees and Supervisor of Schools of Saco, who shall jointly decide as to the admission of the applicants.

All those who have been admitted to the Saco High School previous to the opening of this school are to be admitted without examination. The Trustees to have the same control and power over said school and pupils, which the Supervisor of Schools now has, under the statutes of this State, over public schools and their pupils.

In consideration whereof said City of Saco agrees to pay to the Trustees of said academy the sum of two thousand dollars per year for said twenty-five years, payable quarterly, on the first day of January, April July and October, when the number of different pupils attending said school, under this agreement during any one year, shall not exceed one hundred. The first payment to be made on the above named day which occurs first after the opening of said school, to the amount proportional to the time the school has then been opened.

Said city further agrees to pay over to said Trustees whatever sums said city may receive from the State under the Free High School act, or any other account in aid of similar schools, during said twenty-five years, as soon as received from the State.

In witness whereof, &c.

Bowdoin College. I.—The Faculty.

The advantages which Bowdoin College offers to those who enter upon a course of study within her walls are today founded upon a firmer basis intellectually, morally, and, it may be added, physically considered, than ever before with but rare exception in her honored history. Her faculty is made up of young and enthusiastic men, almost every one of whom has already acquired an enviable reputation in his particular branch.

At the head of the corps of instructors stands President Hyde, a man who has been singularly honored ever since his first connection with a higher educational institution, as a student at Harvard College. During his college course there he was made president of the "Signet" Literary Society, and of the "Christian Brethren,"—the religious organization of the students—facts which go to show that he was appreciated by his fellows. He was one of the eight commencement speakers of his class. Since his appointment as President of Bowdoin he has been once selected to deliver the annual address before the Convocation of the University of New York, an honor which was the year before accorded to the President of John Hopkins University,—the highest University in America. Sermons and philosophical articles by him are of frequent occurrence in such papers as the New York Independent.

Close to him in reputation stand Profs. Henry L. Chapman and Smith. The first is widely known as an orator of exceptional eloquence. The mathematical acumen of the second is the wonder to all who know him.

The sciences are ably represented. Prof. Robinson is well known all over New England as an expert in chemical analysis for the detection of poisons. Prof. Lee has been for several years connected with the U. S. Fish Commission and is now absent from college on a scientific expedition around Cape Horn, of which he is the leading naturalist. Instructor Hutchins has the rare faculty of combining a deep insight into physical principles with great mechanical skill. He has recently discovered two new elements in the sun.

Last come the languages, of which there are at Bowdoin three professors, all of them scholarly men. Prof. Johnson is at present engaged upon an edition of Schiller's Ballads, which will be out soon. Prof. Pease, instructor in Latin, has studied at John Hopkins' and in Germany. Prof. Woodruff is extremely popular and has succeeded in making the usually irksome study of Greek an agreeable one to almost all.

This hasty sketch, embracing but nine of the fourteen members of the Academical Faculty, will give some idea of the instructors at Bowdoin. The instruction itself has especial features which had best be reserved for another occasion.

OWEN, '85.

Starting a Paper.

Taking his stand at the end of his desk,
On the platform well worn by the scholars,
Looking around on the whole of the school,
Our teacher addressed us as follows:

Once in a while for the last month or so
Some have come and have urged and entreated,
That we should commence the Grindstone again,
Which was last year left uncompleted.

Short were his words but the meaning was full,
And the editors soon were elected.
Everyone called them, excepting not one,
Just the best that they could have selected.

The next thing in turn was choosing a name,
And on this we had hard work to settle,
For many there were from which we could choose,
And those neither silly nor little.

The name being chosen, the whole thing was left
In the hands of the chosen committee,
So if 'tis not good and it all smashes up,
'Twill be a sad thing for the city

'89.

Dayton's Boiling Spring.

In the town of Dayton, a small district situated on the north side of the Saco river, lives a man by the name of Joseph Cleaves who owns a farm of seventy-five acres, part of which is in pine timber while the rest is in a large field of thirty acres.

In the south-western corner of the field is what at first sight appears to be a large frog pond, but which is, in reality, a spring of the clearest water. The bottom of the spring is covered with very fine white sand but the banks of the pool are of muddy earth and when subject to the least weight will slide into the spring.

On the south side of the spring, a small brook, the only outlet from the pond, flows down over a hill into the river. On crossing the brook a large log hangs over the water, and by going out on this a good view of the spring can be had.

The bottom of the spring is very irregular, and around the edges, is covered with a kind of tall slim grass.

The first thing that one notices in the action of the springs is the movement of the water which, in certain places, acts just like a whirlpool: soon, out of an invisible aperature in the bottom a muddy water issues and spreads itself out over the bottom of the spring, sometimes covering only a small area but at others a quarter of the pond. This muddy water does not rise and make the whole pond riley, but confines itself to within three or four inches of the bottom and there moved by some hidden force, it rolls backward and forward like clouds of smoke, all the time growing smaller and smaller until at last it entirely disappears, only to repeat itself in a few moments.

The spring is never still, for in some places it is going all the time. If a pole is thrust down to the bottom, no resistance seems to be offered, but when it is drawn out it seems as though a pair of unseen hands had got hold of the other end and was pulling down, while at the same time a harsh grating sound comes up.

I remember nothing of note, only the people say that if any one should tumble in, the sand would swallow him up. So if any one should ever visit the place, be careful and not tumble into the spring.

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Penmanship.

There is at the present day a great demand for good penmen by business men throughout the country, and anyone who is capable of writing a neat hand can obtain a position as an accountant or book-keeper readily. By good writers we do not mean that students are required to execute fancy penmanship, but to be able to write a plain, business hand. And what is needed in order to acquire such a hand is steady practice and diligent study.

In Saco for the past few years we have enjoyed a privilege which is excelled by no other city in the State, and that is the excellent instruction given us in writing, and certainly there is no reason why the scholars of our public schools should not become good writers.

Those students who take special pains with their penmanship will find it of great value to them in the future, and will not regret, as they do now, the few half hours they are obliged to spend in practice.

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The ranks of journalism are daily increasing, as the world advances in intelligence, and daily the call for early practice in that branch comes louder.

We, believing that journalism will make a valuable addition to the many practical studies of our school, have commenced in this small form. With hearty support from the students and the people of Saco, though we may never reach the summit, we shall never regret having been dipped in this mild solution of journalistic experience.

It was only after diligent study and thought that we selected our title. By the name TRIPOD reference is not made to the new-fashioned, three-legged milking stool, but to the Greek vessel of ancient origin, from which the priestess of Delphian Apollo is said to have delivered the oracles.

Our Representatives in the Journalistic World.

The notice of the students was recently called by Mr. Sampson to the particular attention given in this school to a practical business education, and especially to the large number sent out from this school who have become successful reporters.

A little consideration will show that this claim is not without foundation. We have in mind the names of four young men who have become reporters, and good ones too, almost immediately upon leaving school.

These are Henry Hewes, '84, formerly on the Biddeford Journal, but now in the insurance business; Walter Lane, formerly on the Times, but at present on the staff of the Lowell Citizen; Frank Lane, now at work on the Times; and Daniel E. Owen, who, although not intending to follow this profession, has at various times been connected with the Times, Journal and Sea Shell, and who now holds a lucrative position on our correspondence staff.

Besides these may be mentioned two who attended the school long before our connection with it, H. Burton Milliken and Daniel Holmes. The former is the popular society correspondent for many large papers, including Frank Leslie's Illustrated and the Boston Beacon; the latter is at present connected with the Worcester Telegram.

There may have been others whom we have overlooked, but these will serve to show what this school has turned out in the past, and what we hope it will do in the future.

—R. D. Milliken, '89, is much addicted to the Roman pronunciation.

Class of 1888.

PARTS DECIDED BY VOTE OF THE CLASS.

Salutatory.	Walter J. Gilpatric
History,	Walter S. Noyes
Prophecies,	W. Hartley Dennett
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Essay,	Alice E. Fogg
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Essay,	Maud E. Lane
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Essay,	Almira D. Locke
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Essay,	Mabel McKenney
Essay,	Ida B. Newhall
Oration,	George P. Nickerson
Essay,	Alice W. Pottle
Essay,	Georgia E. Pottle
Essay,	Henrietta M. Moody
Essay,	Mary W. Storer
Oration,	Philip S. Towle

Without the complete co-operation of the students, this paper cannot possibly prove a success. The columns of the TRIPOD belong to the scholars, and we hope they will make use of them. This being a school paper, its contents are not expected to be equal to a first-class monthly magazine. Articles from pupils will be thankfully received. Though all may not be accepted, the practice will be a great benefit.

Contributions, either of manuscript or money, are earnestly desired of the alumni of the school, and subscriptions from all will be received with outstretched arms.

Personalities.

—Lowell, '88, may be appropriately termed an animated pin cushion.

—Gilpatric says that as possession is nine-tenths of the law, he intends to have his name painted on one of the front seats.

—J. Vaughan Dennett, formerly a member of this school, is now on his return voyage from China, and, weather permitting, will reach home in January.

—Misses Kate L. Stacy and Marcia Carpenter, '89, and Miss Ellen Chase, '91, are pursuing a course of lessons in phonography of Miss Flora Freeman, a graduate of a Portland school of stenography.

—Stacy, '91, has filed his claim for the title which Andrews has always held as champion seat annihilator. Although Stacy's record thus far is only one seat, yet he solemnly assures us that in the future he will direct all his efforts toward breaking the record.

—Davis, '90, made the following remarkable remark in the history class a short time ago: "And the first thing that Hannibal knew of his brother's arrival was his head coming into camp." Being asked if it walked in, he was immediately lost in profound meditation.

—Hatch, '89, is frequently afflicted with strange hallucinations concerning his name. To such an extent is he carried away with these attacks that he often deems it his duty to recite even when others are called upon. We are pained to observe that the disease has made rapid progress of late and is most often manifest in the general history class.

—Davis, '90, is an enthusiastic student of the dead languages, but, as is always observed in persons who bury themselves in deep study, he is slightly absent-minded. Last Saturday he got the Latin and English languages somewhat mixed, and made a new combination, "*sif*," from *si* and *if*. We recommend this newly coined word to the founder of Volapuk, as one easily comprehended by many nations.

—Our genial friend, R. C. Chadbourne, formerly class of '89, is now attending the Sheboygan (Wis.) Business College, from which he will graduate this year. He is engaged in studying penmanship, book-keeping, stenography and type-writing, and is soon to take up German. Several letters have been received by his friends in the school. One of these contained the information that he is all alone in a class—with four girls! From our intimate acquaintance with Chad, all that we have to say is that we pity the girls.

*Chewing gum has recently been advanced as an invaluable remedy for seasickness. From its use in this school we are tempted to think that it is an unfailing cure for many other diseases.

Obituary.

I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in me, shall never die. St. John, XI. 25, 26.

It has become our painful duty to record, in this, our first number, the death of Seleucus Adams Cleaves, '87. The deceased had been suffering for some time from attacks of acute rheumatic fever and had not returned to college after the Thanksgiving vacation, although he was thought by all to be gradually improving. From the very nature of the case his death, which occurred on Thursday, the 8th inst., was very sudden if not unexpected. The funeral was attended by nearly all of his former classmates and by many of the other scholars, also by many of his college friends who came up from Brunswick.

What can we say concerning him that is not known and remembered by all of his many friends? He entered the school in '85 and graduated from the college course in '87. He was always a quick, industrious, and eager pupil, a pleasant and accommodating companion, and the general sorrow manifested at his death testifies for his many friends.

Huc et Illuc.

*In the Cicero class, Bryant, '90, persists in rendering *patres conscripti*, father conscripts. A little chromo would fix you all right, Bryant.

*One of the boys in the senior class was recently heard to remark that he wished his Mental Phil. was "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea."

*A feature which we think will be generally appreciated, especially by those fitting for college, is to be the monthly letter from our regular correspondent at Bowdoin College.

*Our agricultural schoolmate of '91, while trying to separate two pugnacious chanticleers, was rather roughly used. John will probably learn from this affair that it is best not to interfere with the quarrels of others.

*Foot racing on the plank walk between the school house and the church is getting to be quite popular here at recess, the distance being just one hundred yards. Mr. Stearns and Innes, '90, are the best runners, while Webber, '90, is content with making it in sixteen seconds.

*An interesting feature in subsequent numbers will be our Alumni column, which will contain general information concerning graduates and also addresses and business. We hope to procure a large circulation among the alumni and our columns will always be open to them. Any help and information will be gratefully received.

The Empty Air Speaks.

SOLILOQUY OF LANE'S MUSTACHE.

O, what a bouncer for two weeks old!
Was there ever such a sight?
I'd have you know my owner says
I'm two weeks old to-night!

I'm a wonderful, invisible fancy,
And often you're dreaming of me,
As you think that I may be coming,
Although yet there is nothing to see,

Just see how gently he combs me,
(Or rather he combs the air),
And though there may be a slight roughness,
I certainly have not any hair!

Shall We Have An Alumni Association?

There are now about one hundred and seventy-five graduates from our high school, and the number is to be increased eighteen by the present senior class. Fully one half of this number are residents of Saco and vicinity, and yet no permanent organization has been formed, although several attempts have been made. A few years ago a very enjoyable meeting was held and it was thought at the time that regular annual meetings would be called. As the list of members is now so large, why not take a move in this direction, this academical year, especially as the time is near at hand when the Saco free high school will become absorbed in Thornton Academy, by which the proposed association will probably wish to be recognized?

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